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Former Fulton County Citizen Tells How They Do Things Out There. Touch the Button

AND MACHINERY DOES THE REST.

EDITOR OF NEWS:—I am a subscriber to the News, and a native of Fulton county; so, perhaps, the readers would like to hear from this part of the West. Three years ago last April, I left Chambersburg for this State. Upon my arrival here I brought a farm of 280 acres. We all like the country very much and have been very prosperous. Harvest is commenced now (being later this season on account of cool weather) and, so the farmers are all busy in the grain fields. The crops all look well. Plenty of work and good wages for everyone, especially men with teams.

There is a new electric railway almost completed, which passes just on the edge of my farm. It starts at Spokane, 22 miles north of here, and runs southeast for near one hundred miles through a new farming country. This line required many bridges over the gulches—the one nearest to our farm being Rock Creek bridge 1,000 ft. in length and 136 ft. high and contains 1,250,000 ft. of Oregon fir. The new line will be a benefit to the farmers, as we are now more than three miles from railroad.

The season of 1905 was a very prosperous one for farmers; abundance of wheat and oats, also vegetables and fruit through the State. The wheat in this section was over 6 feet tall, and very heavy—yielding from 35 to 55 bushels an acre, of fine quality, and weighing 61 lbs. to the bushel. It brought 60 cents per bushel. Oats was equally as tall, and yielded from 40 to 100 bushels an acre, and weighing 50 lbs. to the bushel. Owing to several new railroads being built through this country lately, oats brought a good price, 75 cents per bushel. We raise both fall and spring wheat.

On the medium sized farms, the grain is cut and threshed in the fields by a Combined Harvester, operated by 36 horses and 10 men. The cutting of the grain, threshing it, and putting in sacks, is done in one operation; but on the larger farms, where they have thousands of acres in wheat, the steam engine has displaced the horses. One of the largest in use is of 70 horse power; the driving wheels are each 7½ ft. wide, and can draw its load on very light and sandy soil. Gang plows are attached to this engine, and as it moves leisurely along, it draws a furrow of 28 ft. Then an immense harrow is attached and it performs the work of 40 horses on freshly plowed land. It plows, harrows and seeds from 50 to 75 acres a day. Then, when grain is ripe, this engine draws a Combined Harvester, cutting 34 ft. clear, threshing the grain from the straw, and delivering it in sacks, sewed and ready for the warehouse—all in one operation. The entire process requires but a water-hauling outfit for the engine and six men to operate the machine and sack the grain. Under ordinary conditions, at least 60 horses and about 40 men would be used to save the same amount of grain daily. Every day the machine saves from 70 to 100 acres of grain, leaving it in piles in the field ready for the wagons to pick up and deliver to the warehouses.

When harvest is over the engine is attached to a number of wagons, which are loaded with hundreds of bushels of grain, draws the crop to the warehouse, making at least two trips daily.

There are a great many sheep raised in this State, the shearing of which generally takes place in May. It is a common occurrence to see 20 shearing machines operated by 35 men, at work on 30,000 sheep.

These machines are operated

ANOTHER FULTON COUNTY BOY.

Taught School in Licking Creek Township; Now Practices Medicine in Ohio.

Five years does not seem like so long a time when you stand at its close and look back, and yet a boy can accomplish a good deal in that time when he makes up his mind to hustle. After having taught two terms in Licking Creek township, Lorenzo L. Truax, son of D. H. Truax, of Belfast township, left this county five years ago and went to Ohio. In that state, he taught a nine months' term, after which he entered the Ohio Northern University at Ada, O., took a full course in Pharmacy, and graduated from that institution with honor. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Mo., and a few weeks ago, was handed an M. D. diploma. He came back to Ohio, went before the State Board of Medical Examiners, and had no difficulty in getting the necessary license to practice his profession in the Buckeye state, having already passed the Boards of Missouri and Illinois.

Dr. Truax is now permanently located at Hepburn, Ohio, and is rapidly picking up a lucrative practice.

Western Clippets.

The three following paragraphs are clipped from "The Spirit Lake Beacon" of the 10th inst. The Mrs. L. F. Tritle mentioned, is the widow of Milton Tritle, formerly of the Cove, and she is a sister of J. C. Comer, of Thompson township.

"James MacDo. old and daughter Hazel, of Chicago, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. L. F. Tritle, whom he has not seen for a number of years.

"Miss Irene Pott returned to her home in Davenport after spending three weeks at Spirit Lake visiting at the home of L. F. Tritle. Miss Pott was an old acquaintance in Pennsylvania.

"V. R. Tritle has purchased a quarter section of the George Blake farm two miles east of town. This is a good combination—a good farm and a good farmer. The BEACON is pleased to see Mr. Tritle well and permanently located in the county.

New Bulletin Building.

Among the many places of interest in the Quaker City that visitors next summer should not fail to see, is the new building which will be complete by that time as a home for the Philadelphia "Evening Bulletin." The paper has outgrown its present quarters, and ground has been purchased on the Public Hall Square for the new building. Last week workmen began demolishing the present structure on the northeast corner of the square, and the new building will be ready for occupancy early in next year.

The building to the top of the dome will be 155 feet in height, and contain six stories. The plans and specifications are the result of an exhaustive inspection of the leading newspaper plants throughout the country, and contain many original ideas. No expense will be spared to make this a model newspaper home. A gallery to afford visitors an opportunity to sit and watch the operation of the press room will be among the many popular features.

Benjamin Garland of Belfast township, lost a fine black mare a few days ago the result of founder. This means quite a loss to Mr. Garland as the animal was worth at least one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

by steam and each machine is capable of shearing 100 sheep per day.

Farm land has doubled in value since I bought, and everything around here is on the boom.

J. W. CARMACK.
Fairfield, Washington.
August 3, 1906.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

A. O. Griffith for Congress, and Jno. F. Kendall for the Legislature.

STATE SENATE, HON. PETER MORTON.

The Republican County Convention was held in the Court House Tuesday afternoon. Hon. S. L. Buckley, of Dublin presided, and Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Belfast, and S. M. Andrews, of Bethel, were the secretaries.

On making up the roll of delegates, it was found that the following named persons were present: Ayr.—A. K. Nesbit, and A. W. Johnston, Jr.

Bellast.—B. N. Palmer, Geo. W. Morton.

Bethel.—J. P. Fisher, S. M. Andrews.

Dublin.—Daniel Cromer, S. L. Buckley.

Licking Creek.—T. S. Metzler, E. R. Shives.

McConnellsburg.—H. N. Sipes, S. A. Nesbit.

Taylor.—Jos. Deaver, Gideon Ritchie.

Thompson.—J. H. Covatt, Jacob P. Well.

Tod.—W. R. Anderson, John Ott.

Brush Creek, Union, and Wells were not represented.

The convention soon got down to business, and the following persons were nominated, namely, for Congress, A. O. Griffith, of Wells; for State Senator, Hon. Peter Morton, of Tod; for the Legislature, John F. Kendall, of Ayr; for Jury Commissioner, David Rotz, of Tod.

L. H. Wible, was made County Chairman, and John S. Harris, Secretary of the County Committee.

Daniel Cromer and S. A. Nesbit were named as Congressional conferees.

There was a very strong sentiment in the convention against the endorsement, under any circumstances, of Thaddeus M. Mahon. Mr. Mahon has held that job down for fourteen years, and Fulton county Republicans have come to the conclusion that for all the good Thad has ever done this county, no mistake can be made in trying a new man.

NEVER WORE UNDERCLOTHES.

Gets Along Without Stockings Until He Is Seventy-eight Years Old.

William D. Fous, of Drab, Blair county, who is eighty-one years old, never wore stockings until three years ago. He has never worn underclothing, gloves or mittens, never used tobacco in any form and never was sick a day in his life until he reached the age of eighty, when he had a slight attack of la grippe.

Last fall he plowed forty acres of his farm, harrowed it three times, drilled it in wheat, husked 1,000 and hauled 2,000 bushels of corn without any assistance whatever. He also performed other farm labor in the meantime.

He never stops for rain, and is frequently soaked to the skin. Summer and winter, regardless of snow, rain or shine, he bathes his feet in eighteen inches of water in a spring a short distance from his house three times a week.

Tax Collectors Appointed.

At the adjourned meeting of Court held on Wednesday of last week the following tax collectors were appointed:

Ayr, J. J. Conrad, Belfast, Scott Baumgardner, Bethel, S. M. Carrell, Dublin, Dyson F. Fraker, Taylor, A. N. Witter, Thompson, Emanuel Keefar, Tod, W. Harvey Wagner, Union, Nathan Wigfield, Wells, J. C. Foster.

D. T. Fields was appointed for McConnellsburg at June term, and as Brush Creek and Licking Creek did not appear last week, they will have to wait until October court.

LIST COMPLETED.

Names of Those Who Will Wield The Birch in Thompson, Bethel, Brush Creek and Union.

In addition to the list of teachers published in the News two weeks ago, the remaining districts, namely, Thompson, Bethel, Brush Creek and Union, have elected as follows:

Thompson—Oakdale, Harvey Sharpe; West View, Harry Hill; Ditch Run, Marden Stouteagle; Boardyard, Alvah Gordon; Bald Eagle, Jessie Mellott; Center, H. Wishart; Independence, Olive Zimmerman.

Bethel—Mount Atry, Zoe Mason; Alpine, Orpha Snider; Gordon's, Kitty K. Kirk; Franklin Mills, Bertha Golden; Mayes Chapel, Sadie C. Kirk; Black Oak, Sherman L. Barnhart; Warfordsburg, Grover C. Kirk.

Brush Creek—Akersville Advanced, Grace Hixson; Akersville Primary, Albert Spade; Buffalo, Ada Barton; Emmaville, Ida Hixson; Buchanan, Grace Lodge; Locust Grove, Albert Garland; Oak Grove, William Seilng.

Union—Fairview, E. C. Hendershot; Zock's Ridge, T. R. Shank; Harmonia, Gilbert B. Mellott; Center, Jessie Genge; Excelsior, Ellen Lee; Barnes Gap, Elmer Hoopengardner.

Schools begin in Thompson September 17th; in Bethel September 2d; in Union September 17th and Brush Creek September 17th.

Thanksgiving and Christmas must be observed as holidays in all the schools. Bethel and McConnellsburg have ordered a week's vacation during the holidays.

A teachers' preliminary meeting will be held in each township on Saturday before the opening of the schools. Programs for the respective meetings will be announced in the papers in due time.

Our Migratory Teachers.

Richard Y. Schooley has been elected to a school in East Providence township, Bedford county.

Maude Cunningham, of Wells, will teach in Huntingdon county during the coming winter.

Maye Barton, of Hustontown, a 1906 graduate from the Millersville State Normal, has been elected one of the primary teachers in the Kittanning, Armstrong county public schools.

Geo. W. McKibbin, of Brush Creek township, was in town on Monday. Mr. McKibbin intends to leave next Monday for Chattanooga, where he will enter the law department of the University of Tennessee.

Jessie Mason, Lucy Peightel, and Sophie Hohman return to Shippensburg to continue their normal course.

Prof. B. N. Palmer has been elected Township Superintendent for the townships surrounding Dunlo in Cambria county, at a salary of \$105 a month. New's Fulton county friends congratulate him on his merited promotion.

Prof. W. Don Morton has been elected principal of the township high school in a township in Cambria county over which Prof. Palmer is superintendent, at a salary of \$75 a month.

Gertrude Hoke returns to Ridgesburg; Minnie Reisher and Maude Rinedollar, to Everett; Carrie and Fannie Greathead, to Johnstown; Elsie Greathead, to New Kensington; Belle Stouteagle, Olive Kendall, and Maye Mellott, to Franklin county; Etner Black, and Thomas Huston, to Huntingdon county; N. E. M. Hoover, and D. D. Deshong, Jr., to Bedford county, and Ada Rexroth returns to her school at Newtown, Berks county.

Mr. G. W. Hays took his daughter Miss Ethel to Everett last Saturday and returned Monday accompanied by Mrs. Hays' sister, Mrs. J. E. Irwin, of Washington, D. C.

FIRE SCARE.

The Residence and Drug Store of Mrs. M. B. Trout Narrowly Escaped Destruction.

FLYING MATCH HEAD DID THE WORK.

Residents of the business center of McConnellsburg had their nerves set in a whirl early Monday morning by the lusty yelling of "Fire! Fire!" Half the people were not up yet, and there was a promiscuous tumbling out of bed of the late sleepers, and the usual getting both feet in one pants leg in the effort to arrange the toilet so as to make an appearance on the street sufficiently modest to preclude the necessity of being run in by a policeman.

Dense smoke issuing from the front windows in the second story of Mrs. M. B. Trout's residence, coupled with a gentle commotion within, was responsible for the wild cry on the street.

It required but a minute for the fire department to be on the scene with the hose reel, and had it not been for the fact that the hose had been wound on the reel wrong end foremost, the family fortunate enough to escape death by the flames, would have found a watery grave. Luckily enough by the time the firemen got the hose untangled, Mrs. Trout and the girls had put the fire out.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

Mrs. Geo. W. Skinner and daughter Mrs. Crisswell, and the latter's daughter, six years of age, are guests in the Trout home this week. Mrs. Crisswell and her little daughter occupying a front room on second floor. Having arisen Monday morning, and finding it a little dark in the room, Mrs. Crisswell struck a match to light a lamp. In the explosion the match head threw a spark into the fringe of a couch in the room, and in a moment the couch was afire. Mrs. Crisswell attempted to extinguish it, but the fire had already reached the excelsior upholstery, and her attempts only made matters worse. Her screams brought members of the Trout family, and then, Mrs. Crisswell and Nellie Trout coolly picked up the couch, carried it through an adjoining room and out into the back yard. Notwithstanding a trail of fire from the burning excelsior was left in the rooms through which they passed, it was soon smothered out, and in a few minutes the danger crisis had been passed.

NEW GRENADA.

Hayes Bergstresser, of Monessen, Pa., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bergstresser at Waterfall a few days, and was visible on our streets Monday.

Camp, camp, camp! Tramp, tramp, tramp! Walnut Grove was the attraction last Sunday.

N. G. Cunningham has built a new porch to two sides of his dwelling house, which adds to the general appearance.

Irvin Crider, wife and daughter Ethel, are visiting at the Crider mansion.

Mrs. Grubb of McConnellsburg, is among her friends at the Houck House.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Keith held a birthday party last Saturday in honor of the former's forty-sixth birthday, and the latter's forty-second. About thirty guests and friends were present and they had a very enjoyable time. Among those from a distance were, Mrs. Jim Foster and Miss Crisswell, Jesse and Grover Keith of Trough Creek Valley. A bountiful dinner was served and they received many useful and substantial gifts—such as cash, etc.

Miss H. S. Forster, a very capable teacher in one of the departments of Mercersburg's public schools, is spending this week at the Washington House in this place.

LEPER MAY BE EXHIBITED.

West Virginia will Care for Rossett Until He can Go to Syria.

Five hundred citizens of Wheeling are planning to give the leper, George Rossett, a unique benefit to raise funds for defraying his expenses back to Syria. They have appointed a committee to interview the authorities and have the leper taken to Wheeling. The plan is to exhibit him to the public on a large moored in the Ohio river.

West Virginia will take care of the leper until money can be raised to send him back to Syria. Governor Dawson has decided this, and Dr. D. P. Morgan, president of the State Board of Health says that the man must be cared for by Randolph county, where he lived, until the State arranges for his care elsewhere. In the mean time Rossett is spending his days quietly in a tent in a forest a mile and a half north of Pickens, in Randolph county.

TO STUDY HIS SNAKESHIP.

State to Send Specimens of Reptiles to Each County.

State Economic Zoologist Surface is preparing to send to each county in the state for the use of its schools, a collection of snakes found in Pennsylvania, with a chart showing the food of the various serpents, the relation of the snake family, and the geographical distribution of the various species.

These specimens will be used for educational purposes, so that the teachers and pupils may be able to recognize the varieties and know from their appearance whether they are poisonous or not.

Already about 1000 snakes of various kinds have been mounted for sending to the schools, and almost as many more are yet to be added to the collection. Some of these snakes have been captured by agents of the division, but many of them are the reptiles which have been sent to the capital by farmers and woodsmen who want to know their names, habits and the degree of danger in their bites.

Not a few farmers have sent snakes caught looting about their barns and springhouses to know whether they are of the variety classed as milk snakes, and if they really milk cows, or just tap milk crocks and pans.

Possibly the most valuable feature of this snake propaganda, if it can be termed such, is the listing of the reptiles according to counties and their danger to people. A large number are really harmless, but that is not well known.

DEATH.

Mrs. Charles Hess and daughter Hazel, and Miss Lizzie Lafferty, have returned home after a two weeks visit with friends and relatives in Waynesboro.

W. P. Gordon, Esq., of Warfordsburg, made a flying trip to this place last week.

Mrs. J. C. Fisher and Mrs. Alfred Mellott, while picking berries last week, saw what they thought might be a small bear, both women being brave got to work and succeeded in killing it. It happened to be a pole cat.

Mrs. Nelson Booth, Mrs. Edward Ritz and daughter Nellie, and Mabel Waugh, of Warfordsburg, spent a day recently with the family of S. P. Winter.

Annie Hebner, who has been spending sometime in Pittsburg, is home.

Riley Garland, of Cambria county, is spending sometime at his home here.

Maud Spencer, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Maria Spencer.

We are glad to welcome Miss Zoe Mason, of McConnellsburg, as teacher for Mt. Atry school this winter.

Mrs. Harry E. Austin of Saluvia, was among the Saturday shoppers in town.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sipes of Andover, spent Monday in town on business.

Miss Maria Betz, of Shippensburg, is visiting her sister Mrs. H. E. Austin of Saluvia.

Uncle Jimmy Kerlin and son J. L. of Clear Ridge, were welcome callers at the News office Tuesday.

Miss Nellie DeHart, an efficient typo of the News office, is off on a week's vacation among relatives in Shippensburg.

Russel Decker and sister Miss Ada, of Saluvia, spent Saturday in this place the guests of Hon. and Mrs. John P. Sipes.

Harvey Stoner, of Lancaster, Pa., is visiting in the home of his father, Mr. William Stoner, of this place.

Horace and Bessie Myers, of Hancock, are the guests of their uncle, George W. Hays, on West Water street, this week.

Miss Kate Burtfield, of Shippensburg, formerly a resident of Ayr township, is visiting among her old friends here this week.

Rev. Drawbaugh, wife and two children of Altoona, Pa., spent a few days among the former's old parishioners in this place last week.

Prof. B. N. Palmer and his brother Dr. J. J. Palmer were among the onlookers at the Republican County Convention Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Covatt spent a few hours in town Tuesday as they were returning to their home at Covatt, Pa., from a visit among friends at Fort Littleton.

Roy Morton, a student at the State Forestry Academy, Mont Alto, Pa., is spending his summer vacation with his parents Judge and Mrs. Peter Morton, near town.

May E. and Estella, daughters of E. W. Kirk, of Greensburg, Pa., are visiting at the home of N. M. Kirk at Hustontown. They expect to visit other relatives before they return home.

Dr. W. T. Grove, formerly of Clear Ridge, this county, Head Physician of the order of the Modern Woodmen of America, at Eureka, Kansas, has just returned to his home after an extended official trip to Boston and other cities East. The Doctor writes that Kansas is way up on the front seat with abundant crops, good rains, and everybody feeling good.

MISTAKE IN CONTENTS.

Child has Terrible Burned Mouth from Drinking Banner Lye.

Em Sprigs has a little child that is just about old enough to be tending around and getting its hands on things calculated to make trouble for itself, and worry for its mother. Monday morning the child was wandering around the room, looking for something new when its eyes began to sparkle with delight, for they had espied a can which the youngster took for Horlick's Malted Milk or Melon's Baby Food. Here was a chance for a breakfast course not laid down on the bill of fare for washday morning, and in a moment it had the can in its hands and ready to enjoy the contents. One sip, and then an unearthly scream! This brought some of the older members of the family who were horrified to find that the child had been drinking from a can that contained Banner Lye.

Dr. Robinson was summoned in haste, and he soon administered the necessary remedies to counteract the effects of the burning draught.

Since putting the above in type the child has died.